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SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL DISPUTE WITH LIBYA

REF: A) TRIPOLI 1121 B) TRIPOLI 1124

1. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT ONLY CONFIRMATION THAT AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF OCCIDENTAL ARE BEING PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING LIBYA IS STATEMENT FROM OXY REGARDING ONE PERSON WHO WAS NOT ALLOWED TO DEPART. ACCORDING TO REF B EMBASSY TRIPOLI HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUALS FOR INTERVENTION. AS NOTHING OFFICIAL HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM LARG, ON WHAT BASIS DOES EMBASSY CONFIRM THAT US CITIZENS ARE BEING PREVENTED FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY (REF A)?

2. WE NOTE THAT ARTICLE 13 OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1973 LARG DECREE NATIONALIZING 51 PERCENT OF INTERESTS OF CERTAIN US OIL COMPANIES PROVIDES THAT OIL COMPANY EMPLOYEES CANNOT LEAVE JOBS, AND THUS THE COUNTRY, WITHOUT MANAGEMENT
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COMMITTEE PERMISSION. IF LIBYANS ARE PREVENTING

EXPATRIATES FROM LEAVING IS IT ON THE BASIS OF THIS DECREE
AND ARE EMPLOYEES ALSO BEING REQUIRED TO STAY AT THEIR
JOBS?

3. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH BRITISH
ON ANY DEMARCHE TO THE LARG CONCERNING DEPARTURE OF
EXPATRIATES LONDON SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE
ON ALL MESSAGES CONCERNING OCCIDENTAL-LIBYA DISPUTE. KISSINGER

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